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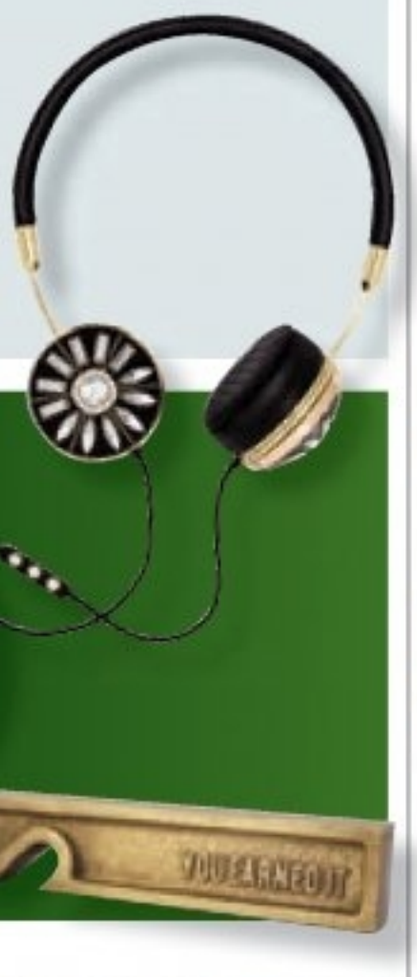

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Local hero

Remembering a friend. Neighbors in Northeast Philadelphia remember firefighter Joyce Craig-Lewis, who died Tuesday fighting a fire in West Oak Lane. PAGE 02

A bouquet of flowers sits atop the locker of Joyce Craig-Lewis at Engine Co. 64. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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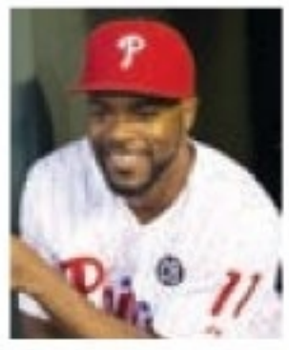

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Fallen firefighter was neighbor and local hero

Aftermath. Neighbors said Joyce Craig-Lewis, who died fighting a fire Tuesday morning, looked out for them.

Joyce Craig-Lewis was the hero of her block.

"We respected her and her job," said a friend and next-door neighbor at 1317 Friendship Street, who asked she not be identified. "She was the hero of the block. She was loved and she's definitely going to be missed."

Craig-Lewis died early Tuesday fighting a basement fire in West Oak Lane. Craig-Lewis, 36, was Philadelphia's first female firefighter to die in the line of duty. On Wednesday, details of her funeral service were announced and Local 22, the Philadelphia Firefighters and Paramedics Union announced the creation of a memorial fund for her children.

And on her tidy block of two-family homes in Northeast Philadelphia her neighbors and friends were still reeling from the news.

"We're still trying to deal with it," her next-door neighbor added, through a screen door. "We talked all the time. She was a great friend as long as she lived here. Most of the neighbors we all help each other out and she always helped us out and we always looked out for each other. It's just sad."

Aqeel Bhatti, who's next-door home shared a front lawn with Craig-Lewis on the other side, said he only moved in at the beginning of the summer, but the two families quickly bonded.

"Her daughter used to play with my two kids. She would just leave them here and they would play together," Bhatti said. "It's a great loss. Not just for the family but for the department and the city of Philadelphia."

Firefighters at Engine 64 in Lawncrest, her last post, were undergoing psychological counseling Wednesday.

Firefighters declined to be interviewed Wednesday.

Craig-Lewis, who celebrated her 11th year with the department on the day she died, was the mother of a 16-month-old daughter and 16-year-old son.

Engine 64 leaves its firehouse in Lawncrest. The fallen firefighter, Joyce Craig-Lewis was an 11-year veteran of the force and member of Engine 64. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Services announced

The first viewing will be held on Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Batchelor Brothers Funeral Services on 7112 North Broad Street.

- The second viewing will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Her funeral services will follow the second viewing.
- Craig-Lewis will be interred at Ivy Hill Cemetery at 1201 Easton Road in East Mt. Airy.

Quoted

"Most of the neighbors all help each other out, and she always helped us out and we always looked out for each other."
Neighbor

In their honor, Local 22 announced the establishment of the Joyce Craig-Lewis Memorial Fund. All money raised will go toward her two children.

"Joyce made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the citizens of Philadelphia," Local 22 President Joe Schulle said in a statement. "It's our hope that people will open their hearts and checkbooks to help support her two beloved children she's left behind.

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Building boom

Temple unveils plans for new library

New Temple library / CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Temple University announced plans at its Board of Trustees meeting to build a new, $190 million library at the center of its North Philadelphia campus.

The library, which will span an entire city block, will sit between 13th Street and Liacouras Walk. Temple will knock down Barton Hall, an outdated science building, to make room for the 210,000-square-foot library. Paley Library will be renovated into a university welcome center.

Besides an outdoor seating area and green roof, the new library will also feature a "robotic text-retrieval system," in which a robotic arm retrieves requested titles from book stacks.

It's scheduled to open in 2018. METRO

Drexel. Student, 20, stabbed on campus

A 20-year-old Drexel University student was stabbed in the back early Wednesday morning during a fight on the university's campus, police said.

Wang Xiadong was among a group of six outside Myers Hall on the 3300 block of Race Street in University City around 3:30 a.m. when two male students from the group started pushing and shoving Xiadong. The rumpus exploded into a fight and one student stabbed Xiadong, police said.

Xiadong was treated at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and released, police said.

Police arrested Junlin Ye, 19, and Pu Wang, 23. Both were charged with aggravated assault, criminal conspiracy and simple assault. TOMMY ROWAN

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A flier on a telephone pole in Manayunk asks for help in finding Shane Montgomery. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Salon video holds clues to student's fate

Surveillance. Video from a nearby nail salon shows Shane Montgomery before he vanished.

Video from a Manayunk nail salon has provided authorities with a new clue as they near the end of a second week searching for a college student who vanished into the early Thanksgiving morning.

The video shows Shane Montgomery walking away from Kildare's Irish Pub and toward a bridge that crosses the Manayunk Canal, and then mysteriously disappearing into the night, the Inquirer reports.

The bridge leads to a parking lot on the banks of the Schuylkill River, but the video, the newspaper reported, does not show Montgomery emerging from the bridge or arriving in the parking lot.

A woman who answered the phone at Christie's Nail Salon, which sits across from the Manayunk bar, said Wednesday that police requested the salon's surveillance tapes and found the footage of Montgomery on a camera behind her store that points toward the canal bridge.

"We didn't see the tape," the woman said. She added, "I hope they find him."

The Police Marine unit returned to the canal Wednesday in another attempt to recover the body of the 21-year-old West Chester student, who went missing around 1:50 a.m. Nov. 27 after leaving the Main Street pub.

Montgomery was escorted from the pub after he bumped into a DJ's table, but bar staffers and friends have repeatedly told police that they did not believe he was intoxicated.

On Tuesday, Montgomery's family increased the reward for information about the disappearance of the Roxborough man from $50,000 to $65,000, and the FBI asked for anyone who was at Kildare's Irish Pub in the early morning hours of Thanksgiving to submit any cellphone photos they might have taken.

Description

Shane Montgomery was last seen alive exiting Kildare's Irish Pub on Main Street in Manayunk.

- He was wearing a gray, button-down shirt, a gray hooded sweatshirt and jeans.
- He weighs about 140 pounds and stands 5-feet-11-inches tall.
- A green Celtic cross is tattooed on his shoulder.
- Anyone with information about Montgomery is asked to call police at 215-686-TIPS, or the FBI at 215-418-4000.

By the numbers

14

Days since Shane Montgomery was last seen.

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As DHS reforms, some families still struggle

Philadelphia. A parent spoke about his custody battle at a hearing on DHS reforms.

Clinton Lewis is fighting for custody of his children. He stands in City Hall. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Clinton Lewis, a 52-year-old truck driver, attended a nearly six-hour hearing on ongoing reforms to the city's Department of Human Services (DHS) so he could tell the agency's commissioner how he lost custody of his sons, now ages 7 and 9.

"They tried to terminate my rights," Lewis said. "My main thing is to get my kids home, because they need their parents."

Due to confidentiality laws, DHS cannot confirm the status of any specific child. But Lewis provided stacks of paperwork from DHS to back up his story. He claims he asked DHS to help his sick son in 2009 — and ended up losing custody of both boys.

DHS Commissioner Vanessa Garrett Harley was in City Council to testify about reforms underway at DHS in response to the 2006 death of Danieal Kelly, a 14-year-old girl with cerebral palsy who starved to death while her parents were under DHS supervision.

Now, DHS contracts with 10 private agencies for child welfare services including case management, while DHS employees operate investigation hotlines and supervise the private agencies.

"The Danieal Kelly case, once it was discovered, made it clear the system was broken in many places," Harley testified.

Harley said she would review the case of Lewis and other parents who testified at the hearing.

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel now," Lewis said after the hearing.

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By the numbers

2,224

There are 2,224 families receiving DHS services through private agencies.

4,600

There are about 4,600 children in DHS custody or care.

Old City

CIA torture report reactions mixed

Outside the National Constitution Center on-Wednesday, most people were unsurprised by a CIA report revealing torture practices by the U.S.

"We already knew about it. Nobody did anything," said Suchir Sheth, 25.

"They killed a bunch of us on 9/11, so f— 'em," said Joe Johnson.

"I think it's wrong," said Lucas Hilty, 30.

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Quoted

"Torturing people? You're not gonna get the information you really wanted and by the time you get it it will probably be out of date."

Omarr Clark,
28, Hotel front desk agent

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"I don't feel proud to be an American."

Ruth Snyderman, 77, gallerist

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US spending bill

Congress reaches deal

Congressional negotiators unveiled a $1.1 trillion spending bill that aimed to avoid a government shutdown today and which punts an immigration showdown between Republicans and President Barack Obama until February.

Republicans successfully negotiated a number of policy provisions into the measure, including easing of regulations ranging from the environment to financial derivatives trading. REUTERS

Quoted

"This bill will allow us to fulfil our constitutional duty to responsibly fund the federal government and avoid a shutdown."

Hal Rogers House Appropriations Committee Chairman

Chicago proposes chokehold ban in wake of US protests

Ordinance.
The proposal is expected to go before a full city council vote in January.

Protesters conduct a 'Die-In' at Grand Central Station in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

Chicago city council members have proposed a ban on the use of chokeholds by police officers working within city limits in an expansive proposal coming in the wake of the chokehold death of an unarmed black man being arrested in New York.

The proposal, which includes all security personnel such as deputy sheriffs, U.S. Marshals and private security guards, is the first among municipalities attempting to regulate arrest techniques after a grand jury last week declined to indict a New York City police officer in the chokehold death.

Council members in favor of the ban, which was introduced this week to the city's finance committee, say they want Chicago in front of the issue of excessive police force that has resulted in street protests across the nation.

The Chicago ordinance defines a chokehold as "any pressure to the throat or windpipe, which may prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air."

A group of New York City council members are proposing a similar ordinance, which has not yet gone to the council for a vote. It does not include security personnel outside the police department, however.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio opposes criminalizing chokeholds, saying he prefers it to be a matter of department policy.

Most police departments prohibit chokeholds, but they are not illegal. In a statement to Reuters Monday, the Chicago Police Department said officers are trained to "position anyone in a manner that allows free breathing." It has not taken a position on the ban.

Criminalizing chokeholds may pose a legal challenge for cities because of the difficulty of recognizing the maneuver, especially if it lasts seconds, and of determining whether or not the officer intended to use it, said Arthur Lurigio, a criminal justice professor at Loyola University in Chicago. REUTERS

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"Chicago would lead the way for other cities across America to expeditiously act to institute similar protections."

Will Burns, city council member

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Torture. Some ex-CIA officials say report is one-sided and flawed

A group of former top-ranking CIA officials disputed a Senate committee's finding that the agency's interrogation techniques produced no valuable intelligence, saying such work had saved thousands of lives.

Former CIA directors George Tenet, Porter Goss and Michael Hayden, along with three ex-deputy directors, wrote in an op-ed article published on Wednesday in the Wall Street Journal that the Senate Intelligence Committee report also was wrong in saying the agency had been deceptive about its work following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The report concluded that the CIA failed to disrupt any subsequent plots despite torturing captives during the presidency of George W. Bush. REUTERS

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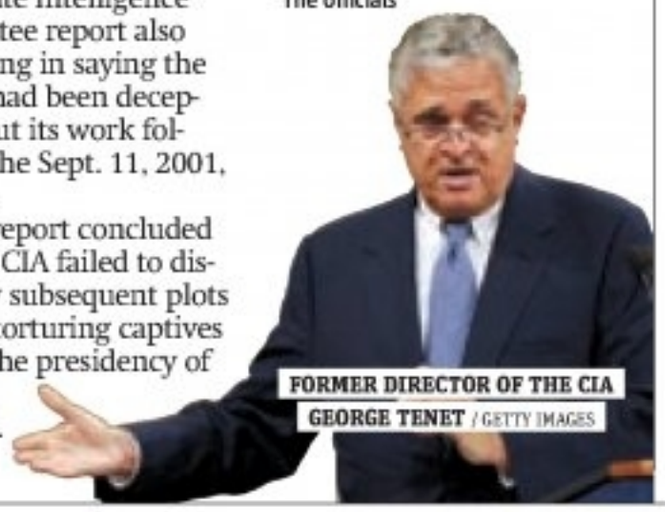
"The committee has given us ... a one-sided study marred by errors of fact and interpretation — essentially a poorly done and partisan attack on the agency that has done the most to protect America after the 9/11 attacks."

The officials



FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CIA GEORGE TENET / GETTY IMAGES

Malala and Satyarthi receive Nobel Prizes for child campaigns

Prize. Controversial choices in recent years include the European Union and President Barack Obama.

Pakistani teenager Malala Yousafzai, shot by the Taliban for refusing to quit school, and Indian activist Kailash Satyarthi received their Nobel Peace Prizes on Wednesday after two days of celebration honoring their work for children's rights.

Malala became by far the youngest laureate, widely praised for her global campaigning since she was shot in the head on her school bus in 2012. Some groups in Pakistan, however, have accused her of being a puppet of the West and violating the tenets of conservative Islam.

"I tell my story, not because it is unique, but because it is not," said Malala, 17, better known by her first name, which is also the title of her book and the name of her foundation.

"It is the story of many girls," she said in Oslo's ornate city hall on the anniversary of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel's death.

"I've lost two of my colleagues," Satyarthi said about his work. "Carrying the dead body of a colleague who is fighting for the protection of children is something I'll never forget, even as I sit here to receive the Nobel Peace Prize."

Arriving in Norway with friends and young activists from Pakistan, Syria and Nigeria, Malala met thousands of children and walked the streets to greet supporters. REUTERS

Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi accept their Nobel Peace Prize Awards during the ceremony at Oslo City Town Hall. / GETTY IMAGES

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Satyarthi is credited with saving around 80,000 children from slave labor, sometimes in violent confrontations.

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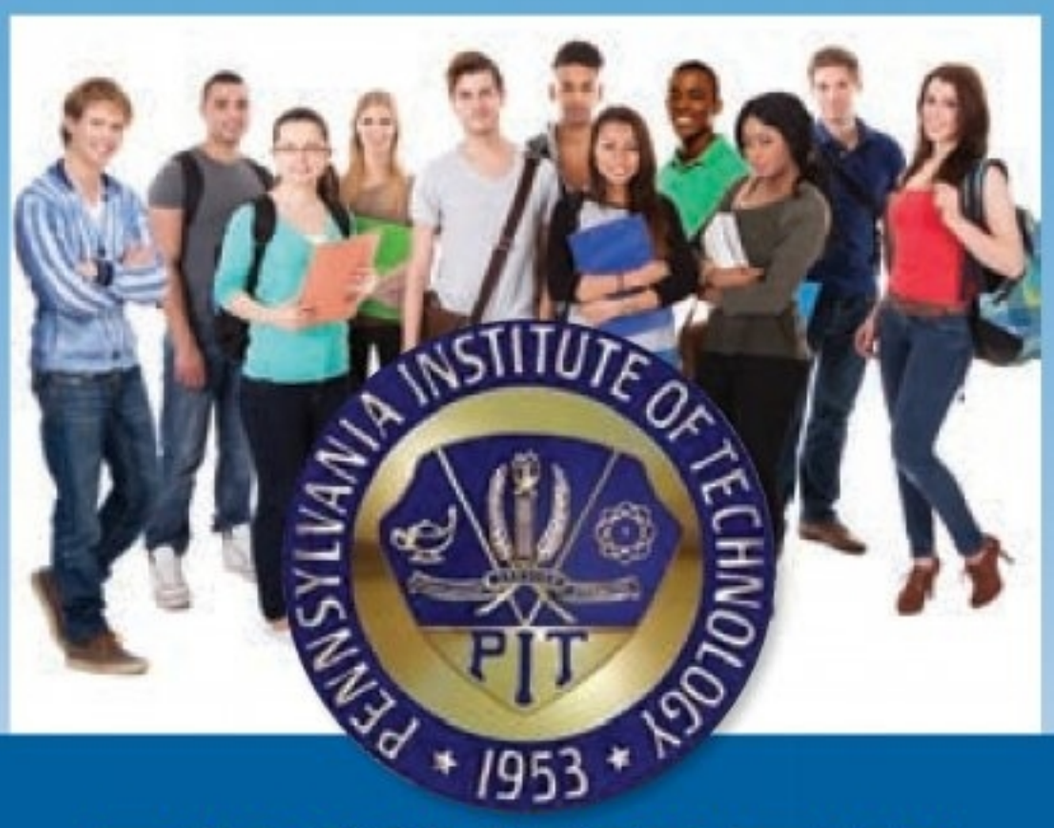

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NFL owners back new personal conduct policy after incidents

The new rules. It was unveiled at a regularly scheduled owners meeting in Irving, Texas.

National Football League owners on Wednesday unanimously endorsed what they called a "revised and strengthened" personal conduct policy in the wake of several domestic violence incidents involving players.

The NFL has come under fire over the last six months as it struggled with a personal conduct policy widely seen as too lenient. With big-money NFL sponsors watching closely, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell embarked on a mission to strengthen the policy.

High-profile players Adrian Peterson, Ray Rice and Greg Hardy have been in court over domestic abuse recently and the NFL has stumbled in some of its attempts to punish the players.

A special counsel for investigations and conduct will "decide the discipline for violations" of the new policy, said Goodell, who will still hear appeals but may appoint an independent panel to assist him.

The players union was not happy it was not part of the process.

"Our union has not been offered the professional courtesy of seeing the NFL's new personal conduct policy before it hit the presses," the NFL Players Union said in a statement. "Their unilateral decision and conduct today is the only thing that has been consistent over the past few months."

Among the changes are a "more extensive" list of prohibited conduct and NFL-funded counseling and services for victims, families and violators, Goodell said. REUTERS

Goodell / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"With considerable assistance from the many people and organizations we consulted, NFL ownership has endorsed an enhanced policy that is significantly more robust, thorough, and formal."

Roger Goodell

Poll. Half of US parents don't want their sons playing football

Television ratings are up and merchandise sales are booming, but longer-term trends don't look as rosy for football. According to a new Bloomberg Politics poll, only 17 percent believe it'll grow in popularity in the next 20 years.

These are grim numbers for a sport that's seeing an onslaught of negative attention, including a parade of National Football League players accused of abusing their wives or children; a team name so offensive that some news organizations refuse to print it; and, perhaps most troubling to parents, the growing body of evidence that repeated blows to the head can cause long-lasting brain damage.

The sport's troubles have caught the attention of Congress, whose members hauled a league official to Washington for a Senate hearing earlier this month. Individual lawmakers have proposed ending the league's tax-exempt status and putting its coveted antitrust exception up for a five-year review.

The finding suggest that, over the course of time, football could go the way of boxing, a marquee American sport in the early part of the 20th century that declined amid a similar set of dynamics: changing perceptions of its brutality and star athletes making headlines for violent crimes.

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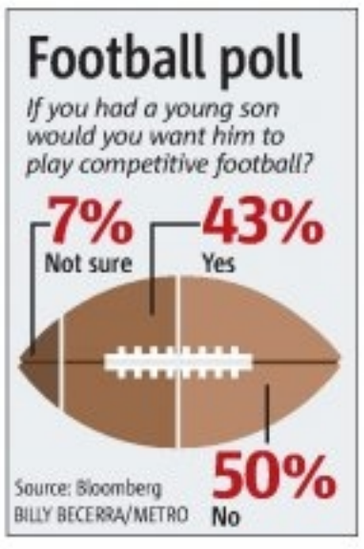

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Fast food change. McDonald's to pare US menus, ingredient lists

The simplified menu boards will offer one Quarter Pounder with Cheese hamburger as compared with four on the regular menu, one Premium Chicken sandwich versus three and one Snack Wrap versus three. / GETTY IMAGES

McDonald's Corp., said on Wednesday it plans to cut the number of items on its U.S. menus and use fewer ingredients in food as it moves to speed up service, bolster sales and offer consumers personalized options to compete better with Subway and Chipotle Mexican Grill.

Mike Andres, the company's U.S. president, said, starting in January, menus will have eight fewer food items and five fewer Extra Value Meals.

McDonald's, which has not had a monthly gain in sales at established U.S. restaurants since October 2013, is also making the changes for consumers who are demanding simpler, more natural choices.

The company is testing its slimmed-down menus in six markets, including Bakersfield, California, and Knoxville, Tennessee.

The simplified menu boards will offer one Quarter Pounder with Cheese hamburger as compared with four on the regular menu, one Premium Chicken sandwich versus three, and one Snack Wrap versus three.

Andres said McDonald's is not finished tweaking menus.

"There's more to come," Andres said on a call with investors. "We don't need to have a big menu board to offer variety."

McDonald's is hoping that giving customers a choice of sandwich toppings will enable it to better compete with Subway and Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc, popular restaurants that allow diners to build their meals ingredient-by-ingredient. REUTERS

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The menu changes come as McDonald's plans to roll out its new "Create Your Taste" sandwich program to 2,000 of its 14,000-plus U.S. restaurants by the end of 2015.

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Twitter feed

Today, John Stamos is facing a tough decision, Roseanne Barr has found the one, Judd Apatow doesn't want anyone reporting on the Sony hack and Joss Whedon has awards on his mind.

@JohnStamos: Morning sex or catch up sleep?

@therealroseanne: Thank god gays can marry! Now i can marry my tesla! #trueLove

@JuddApatow: in life we all decide what is right and I think printing private information because evil people leaked it is wrong.

@josswhedon: I don't care about Oscars. But my next project, "Mecha-Keanu vs Gun-Bot from Planet Tit-ties: A Christmas Miracle" means they're all mine

That Sony hack is the gift that keeps on giving

Angie is not amused by Scott Rudin and Amy Pascal.
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Now that all the personal Social Security numbers and salary dust has settled from the massive Sony hack, we're starting to get down to some good Hollywood dirt. And let's just put it this way: Super-producer Scott Rudin almost certainly won't be working with Angelina Jolie again. In blistering emails back and forth with Sony chief Amy Pascal while trying to get their botched and abandoned Steve Jobs biopic moving, Rudin continually bashed Jolie and her desire for a big-budget Cleopatra movie directed by David Fincher. How does Rudin really feel about Jolie? Here he is in his own words:

"I'm not destroying my career over a minimally talented spoiled brat," Rudin writes in an email to Pascal. "She's a camp event and a celebrity and that's all, and the last thing anybody needs is to make a giant bomb with her that any fool could see coming. We will end up being the laughing stock of our industry and we will deserve it." It looks like "Cleopatra" won't be starting production anytime soon.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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Daily video

How 'Guardians of the Galaxy' should have ended

You can now enjoy one of the year's biggest surprise hits, "Guardians of the Galaxy," in the comfort of your own home, Blu-ray special features and all.

YOUTUBE, HOW IT SHOULD HAVE ENDED

But one feature you'll have to go online to see is the film getting the animated How It Should Have Ended treatment. Apparently, they think Ronan the Accuser should've won by totally destroying everything.

Lily Allen furious anyone would suggest she'd quit drinking

Lily Allen is livid over gossip reports that she is "trying to grow up" and giving up alcohol. Seriously, how dare they suggest such a thing? Instead, Allen took to Twitter to suggest that we all give up … Twitter? "Let's give up social media and the Mail Online. It's killing me. That is all," Allen tweeted, though it clearly was not actually all: "I feel like we're not evolved enough to handle the Internet, psychologically. I preferred real records and newspapers with news in them. Everything was just better and nicer. We were nicer. And I wouldn't be here." By here she means Twitter, which she thinks we should all give up. Got it.

Kim Kardashian considers weight gain God's punishment

Kim Kardashian has an interesting take on pregnancy weight — and how much time God spends thinking about her. In an interview with Elle's U.K. edition, the perfectly reasonable and sensible Mrs. Kanye West says of putting on weight while pregnant: "I'd think God was doing this for a reason. He was saying: 'Kim, you think you're so hot, but look what I can do to you.' My body just went crazy. After five months I swore I'd never get pregnant again. I got so huge and it felt like someone had taken over my body." A personal relationship with a higher power that spitefully has it in for her? Looks like some of her husband's worldview is rubbing off on her.

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Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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Blinged-out pharaoh Joel Edgerton faces off against Christian Bale's Moses in "Exodus: Gods and Kings." / KERRY BROWN

'Exodus: Gods and Kings'

1 Having already played Jesus, John Rolfe and Batman, Christian Bale adds Moses to his CV, albeit one who talks to God not through a burning bush but through a petulant 9-year-old bully. Joel Edgerton and John Turturro co-star as Egyptians, both buried under a ton of mascara.

'Top Five'

2 Chris Rock hasn't had a ton of luck with films, but he finally gets there with his third directorial work — an improv- and cameo-heavy semi-serious comedy in which he plays a movie star spending the day flirting with a New York Times journo (Rosario Dawson).

'Wild'

3 Perhaps Reese Witherspoon trawling some 1,100 miles of Pacific coastline trail doesn't sound thrilling, but know that the flashback-heavy screenplay is by Nick Hornby and that Witherspoon is at her grumpy best.

'Diplomacy'

4 That moment when Hitler almost had the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral and others destroyed gets told by Volker Schlondorff ("The Tin Drum"), starring French icons Andre Dussolier and Niels Arestrup.

'The Pyramid'

5 The holiday season is a profitable time at the movies, which is why Hollywood decided to release — well, dump — just one wide release last weekend: some horror thing about people trapped inside one of Egypt's world wonders.

'Point and Shoot'

6 In this "truth is stranger than fiction" doc, a restless Baltimorean, Matt VanDyke, heads out to Africa to do some serious motorbike riding and winds up taking part in the Libyan revolution, only to find himself a prisoner of war. And VanDyke even lived to tell the crazy tale.

'Penguins of Madagascar'

7 Amazingly, it took the makers of the undying animal toon franchise nearly a decade to realize they should give the films' aquatic birds their own spinoff movie. Are people even still into penguins these days? Anyway, this is actually delightful.

'The Theory of Everything'

8 Stephen Hawking gets the full Great Man biopic treatment, with Eddie Redmayne playing the theoretical physicist into his older age. Felicity Jones plays Jane, his wife.

'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1'

9 Suzanne Collins' dystopian saga is the latest to have one of its books divided into two movies, though this means all the big, spectacular action is pushed off until "Part 2," which won't come out for another year.

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TALK SHOWS

'The Daily Show'

Jon's guest for the day is Mick Foley, former professional wrestler and current women's rights advocate. Does hearing that make you feel like an underachiever? **11 P.M., COMEDY CENTRAL**

REALITY

'Project Runway: Threads'

The young designers find themselves faced with the challenge of coming up with a design for a magazine cover. **10 P.M., LIFETIME**
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This week, "Bones" takes a trip to 1950s Hollywood. / PATRICK MCELHENNEY, FOX

DRAMA

'Bones'

This is the show's 200th episode, which means it will be in syndication on TNT for the rest of your life. To celebrate, David Boreanaz directed the episode, which is an homage to Alfred Hitchcock.
8 P.M., FOX

Q&A LAURA DERN GETS TO PLAY NICE

Interview. The acclaimed actress finds the mom she plays in "Wild" inspiring — up to a point.

Laura Dern has been playing moms recently, and although the ones in "The Fault in Our Stars" and "Wild" are both loving, they're very different. In the former, she was taking care of her cancer-plagued daughter (Shailene Woodley). Here, she's Bobbi, the once-abused, now upbeat mother to Cheryl Strayed (Reese Witherspoon). Bobbi's sudden death causes Cheryl to descend into self-destruction then try to rebuild herself — by going on an 1,100-mile solo hike.

On playing a character who's so optimistic: "I've played characters who want to be happy, and

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Laura Dern plays Reese Witherspoon's extremely chipper mom in the hiking movie "Wild." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

so they fake it until they hope to make it. And I've played people who have a bit of a Pollyanna thing. When I was younger, I would play the sweet girl or the girl next door, who's happy and innocent — even in 'Blue Velvet.' But to experience the impact that Bobbi seems to have on all of us [by seeing the film] is to get this sense of earned gratitude of having walked through hell."

Bobbi's backstory: "She was willing to leave horror and abuse in an era when there were no hotlines and no one was saying there is something called 'domestic violence.' That she went through all of that and could say the positive things she said to her daughter with such genuineness — it's very inspiring to play someone like that. I certainly now wake up most mornings thinking of life that way."

The pain of Bobbi's passing: "[Director Jean-Marc Vallee] made sure we got to know her, so you longed for more. You can feel the grief of the loss of this woman."

The film's view of strong yet vulnerable women: "It's about revealing a woman's strength, independence and bravery — but also her vulnerability. The circumstances she put herself in were really beautiful and scary and poignant. Let me tell you, you ain't seeing me do it. I told Cheryl, 'I'm so excited you went on this hike and I never have to.' I'll take a three-hour hike, but I'd like a few friends to come."

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Still relevant

'Wild' is set in the '90s but doesn't always feel like it: "Jean-Marc wanted this story of grief and healing to feel timeless. Even though he told Cheryl's story through music, with the death of Jerry Garcia and these moments that lock us into time, he carefully navigated it so the larger story was what you saw more of. That nature was a character in the film makes it timeless."

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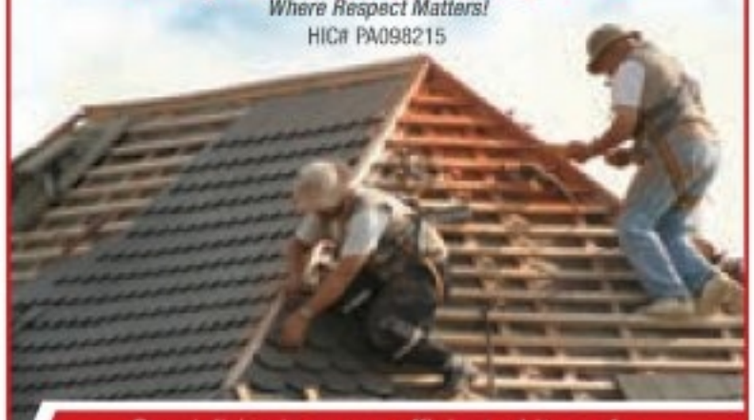

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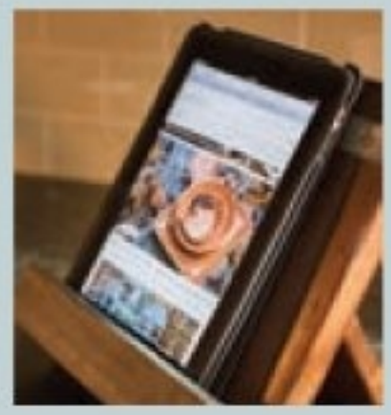

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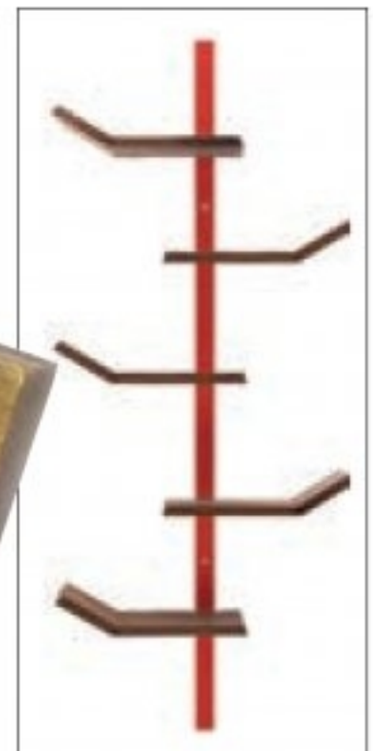

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Compromises are key for atheist-religious couples

Respect.
Communication about boundaries is essential.

You have to decide when and where to compromise. / POLKA DOT

The holidays can be particularly stressful for couples who don't share the same spiritual or religious views. Should an atheist attend midnight Mass with the in-laws? Are Christmas trees or menorahs OK? Without clear expectations, getting through December with your nerves intact can be challenging.

"Everybody has to negotiate — neither partner can declare everything non-negotiable. That's not OK," says Dale McGowan, a longtime atheist and the author of "In Faith and in Doubt." "What they have to do is pick and choose. Asking their partner to give up everything is not fair."

McGowan shares his thoughts on how couples can respect both of their belief systems and strengthen their relationship in the process.

Should everyone attend services?

That depends. McGowan says every couple should talk about their negotiables and non-negotiables.

"My wife's extended family is quite religious, and I go to church every year with my mother-in-law," explains McGowan, who says his wife was a Southern Baptist when they married 23 years ago. "For me, going to church with her was a perfectly fine compromise and a way to honor a part of our family. That meant a lot to her."

Some things can't be compromised

"If you have an atheist who had a painful separation from religion, it can be really difficult for someone to attend church," explains McGowan. "People have to respect that." If you or your partner feel like you absolutely cannot participate in religious activities, it's vital that you talk about it. "Maybe the family will go and they'll just explain that dad is going to stay home," McGowan says.

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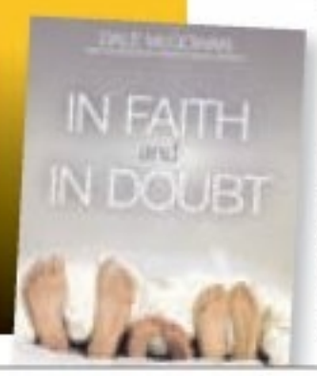
PLUS

Important reminder

Mutual respect is key

Expressing your true feelings is essential to the success of any relationship, says McGowan. "It's a question of respect. I hear people say, 'Sometimes I struggle with this because I can't respect what my partner believes.' But you don't have to agree on beliefs, what you do have to say is, 'I respect my partner.'"



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Dating profiles. Check out how word choices vary by state

Admit it: It's hard not to have your eyes glaze over after spending more than an hour perusing online dating profiles. After a while, it really does seem like everyone loves nothing more than watching "The Wire" and getting drinks on Friday nights with their friends.

But it turns out that tastes do tend to align with where online dating users live. The tech site Mashable took a deeper look into how profiles vary across the country. Using data provided to them from Match.com, the site's researchers were able to pin down the most popular descriptive words in profiles from each state — providing a neat window into the things people think will impress matches.

So what are Pennsylvanians in pursuit of? "Amusement." Daters may find a great match in nearby Delaware, as they also like to be amused. As for our friends in New Jersey, they love to "lounge."

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Around the country

Hikes and hunting, oh my!

Here are some other great word-state combinations:

- **Indiana:** NASCAR
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Oregon really is like "Portlandia." Daters there love to kayak.

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Sufganiyot

Festival of donuts

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Paradiso started it all

Restaurant. The East Passyunk pioneer celebrated its 10th anniversary with a chef-collab dinner.

The eighth course of the anniversary dinner was a mortadella-stuffed quail made by Paradiso's Corey Braver, husband of Lynn Rinaldi (inset). / REESE AMORDSI

Paradiso Restaurant & Wine Bar on East Passyunk Avenue is closed Mondays so married chefs/owners Lynn Rinaldi and Corey Braver can rest. But Dec. 1 was an exception: the couple celebrated the 10th anniversary of the white linen restaurant Rinaldi opened in 2004 with a 10-course meal cooked by 10 of the Avenue's best chefs.

Diners came for the star-studded collaboration, and to celebrate a neighborhood native's pioneering vision: Rinaldi opened the Italian restaurant on an ignored block long before it became one of the city's hottest go-to dining strips.

"My whole life I never understood why this strip was barren," says Rinaldi, who grew up just off East Passyunk at 12th between Dickinson and Tasker.

Rinaldi's first food venture was a cafe at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. But what she really wanted to do was make meals inspired by her Abruzze and Calabrese grandmothers — with a modern edge.

In 2002, she started hunting for locations, winding up back in her own neighborhood, where the Passyunk Avenue Revitalization Corporation took her around to several long-vacant spots.

"Paradiso was a dilapidated former furniture store that needed lots of love," she says. "But I envisioned a block exactly like it is now — always busy."

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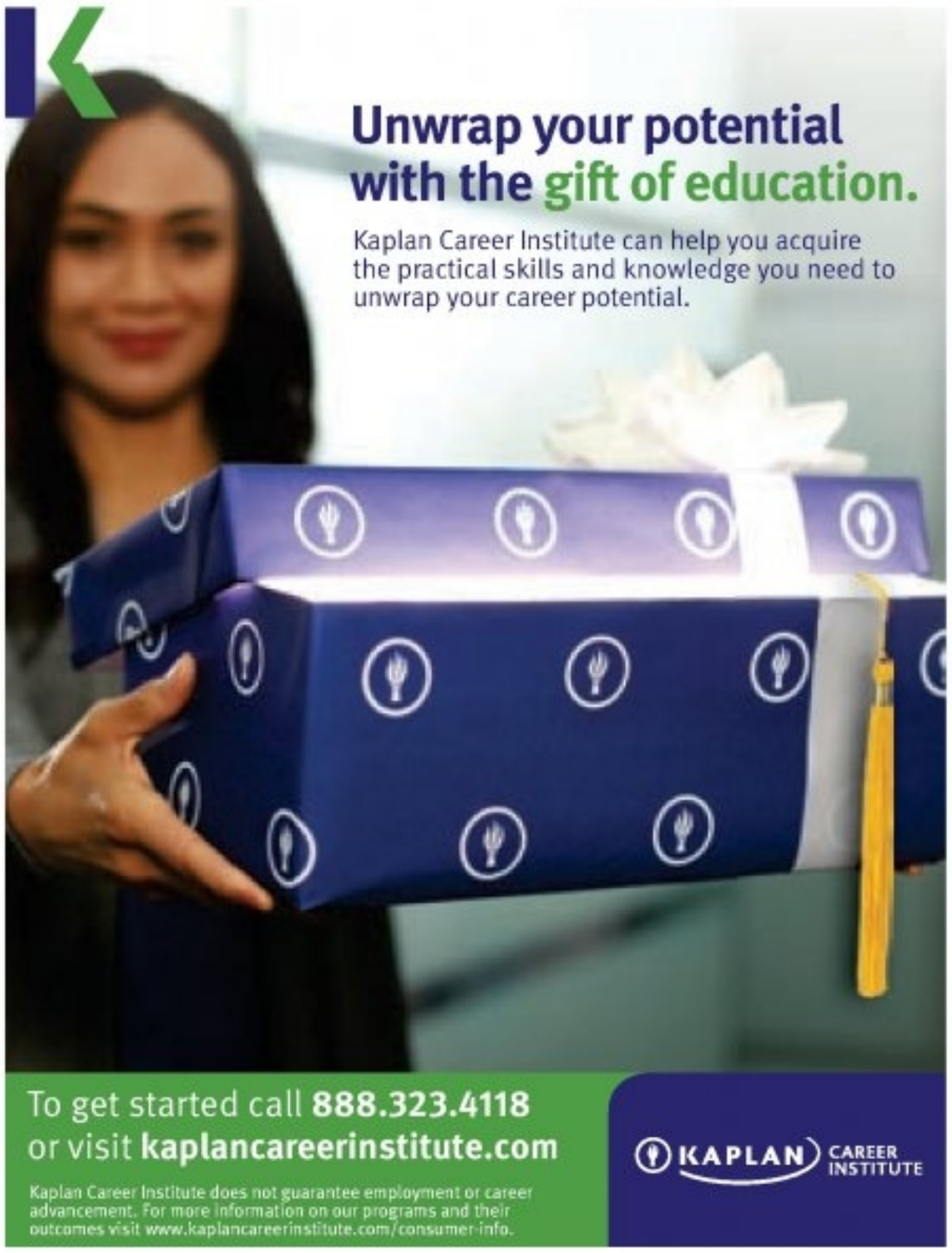
Family

Foodie Street

Any gourmand in Philadelphia knows East Passyunk has transformed over the past 10 years from what Rinaldi calls a "ghost town" to the strip Food and Wine magazine named one of the Top 10 Foodie Streets in America last year.

One restaurant contributing to that designation is Noord, which Joncarl Lachman opened in 2013. Lachman came up with the idea for a Paradiso anniversary dinner. "He mentioned a party," Rinaldi says. "Several late nights drinking wine at the bar and we made it work."

That's how things go on the Avenue now: "We know each other's food and restaurants because we're on top of each other. We're family."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THEATER

Mummenschanz

Thursday through Sunday
Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., $30-$75, 215-898-3900, www.annenbergcenter.org
This Swiss troupe is beloved for its avant-garde whimsy. Utilizing eccentric puppet-costumes including a giant hand, fleshy blobs that turn into faces and other basically indescribable creatures, they create a truly mesmerizing theatrical experience, somehow both absurdly oblique and, by virtue of its gentle humor, totally accessible.

'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

Through Jan. 3
Sedgwick Theater
7137 Germantown Ave.
$15-$50, 215-987-4450
www.quintessencetheatre.org
Quintessence Theater presents Lewis Carroll's whacky, whimsical fantasy tale. One theory asserts that mathematician Carroll's annoyance with new mathematical concepts, which he believed to be absurd outside the rarefied universe of math, was a major inspiration for the story's weird scenarios. Whatever their impetus, they've certainly enchanted audiences for almost 150 years.

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DRINK

Winter Spirits

Friday, 8 p.m.
German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden St.
$30-$40, 800-838-3006
www.brownpapertickets.com
At this combination music concert and tasting, PhilHarmonia will perform carols, and sommelier Marnie Old will share sage advice about pairing wines and beers with holiday meals. It's a win-win: Either your relatives will be impressed with your epicurean cultivation, or they won't care but you'll still have the perfect drink.

MUSIC

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Koliada: Winter Songs from the Carpathians

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Ukrainian League of Philadelphia, 800 N. 23rd St., $20-$25, 215-776-1004, www.brama.com/yara
If you've been pretty much anywhere lately, you're probably already burnt out on those same 20 or so Christmas tunes. Well, unless you're Ukrainian, these traditional instrumental "troista" winter songs, performed by the group Koliadnyky, ought to be a refreshingly unfamiliar seasonal music experience. The group will be joined by the Accolada Chamber Choir of Philadelphia and bandurist Julian Kytasty.

MOVIES

'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'/ 'The Year Without a Santa Claus'

Saturday, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
Roxy Theater
2023 Sansom St.
$7-$8, 267-239-2941
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Feeling nostalgic? This double feature pairs two beloved animated Christmas specials from the broadcast TV era. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," directed by Warner Bros. animation genius Chuck Jones, only seems to improve with age, and the goofy dueling elemental brothers Heatmiser and Snowmiser steal the show in the last great Rankin-Bass holiday special.

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Ongoing
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'Rome, Open City'

Sunday, 7 p.m.
International House
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Roberto Rossellini's 1945 film dramatized the Nazi occupation of Rome. Its first viewers would have walked out of the theater onto still-ravaged streets, and the film has the unsanitized intensity of a fresh wound, ending with the martyrdom of its resistance heroes, a priest and a communist — strange bedfellows united.

BOOKS

Zachary Lesser

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Free Library
1901 Vine St.
Free, 215-567-4341
www.freelibrary.org
A weird fact about Shakespeare's immortal lines is that no one knows exactly how they went, because multiple early versions exist. Penn professor Zachary Lesser will discuss his new book on the 1823 discovery of a "Hamlet" variant called Q1 — earlier than all known versions — and how it radically altered contemporary understanding of the play.

COMEDY

The Untitled Holiday Puppet Show

Thursday through Dec. 21
Figment Theater
1219 Vine St.
$10, 267-441-4780
www.laughstub.com/figment theater
Celebrate the season with Figment Theater's family-friendly mix of sing-along, improv comedy and yes, puppets. Figment describes the vibe as a mix of Disney, Norman Rockwell and "Sesame Street." The plot involves a lady Scrooge named Stephanie, whose boyfriend, Junior, invites her to spend the holidays with his family. But each show is a little different, integrating audience suggestions into the story.

MATTHEW DINARO

Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Long-term connections and valuable information will come your way from a social or business gathering.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You will have good luck when it comes to money matters if you have scrutinized the details carefully. A joint venture is worth looking into.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Love and romance will be on your mind. Now is the time to make a commitment or promise to someone important to you.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Someone you thought you could trust is likely to betray you. Collect your thoughts before doing anything you may regret.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Great achievements can be made. Strike a deal, take on a new challenge, complete a creative project or engage in romance. Take the initiative and don't look back.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Make sure all the cards are on the table before signing up for a partnership. An unpleasant surprise is likely if you don't do your research.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Social media makes it easy to get in touch with an old friend. It will be refreshing to talk to someone who understands your background.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Spend your leisure time doing something you enjoy. Filling your schedule with chores, repair jobs or shopping will leave you no time to recharge your batteries.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. This is a great day for family fun. Remember to include young people. Host a party with people you don't see regularly.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Mixing business with pleasure will bring a new perspective regarding your career goals. You will learn a lot by listening.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Nothing will escape your notice. Pay attention to detail and carefully gauge what needs to be done and how much it will cost.

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Letters

Lay blame where it's due

Re: 'Black lives matter' (Metro, Dec. 10) Here we go again, blaming the victims. Perhaps crime rates are high in those areas because of the systematic dehumanization and marginalization of black folks in this country. If people were given equal opportunities and equal treatment, and were not oppressed to the point of exhaustion, things would be different because neighborhoods would be different.

DELORES PAULK, VIA EMAIL

I've been a law-abiding citizen my whole life, and a pacifist, too, but I must say that the Garner scandal has me wanting to smash windows and burn cars, too — so maybe the DAs and police need to realize how badly their corruption is backfiring. And I'm 10 times more angry at the crooked DAs than I am the meathead thug cops. These people are destroying America and should be held accountable. Step One: Remove any and all immunity district attorneys and judges enjoy. The ONLY standard should be if they broke the law, versus the current system, which says "it's OK for them to break the laws and violate due process and other federally guaranteed laws cuz we just say they are immune from being prosecuted."

LARKIN NOVAK, VIA EMAIL

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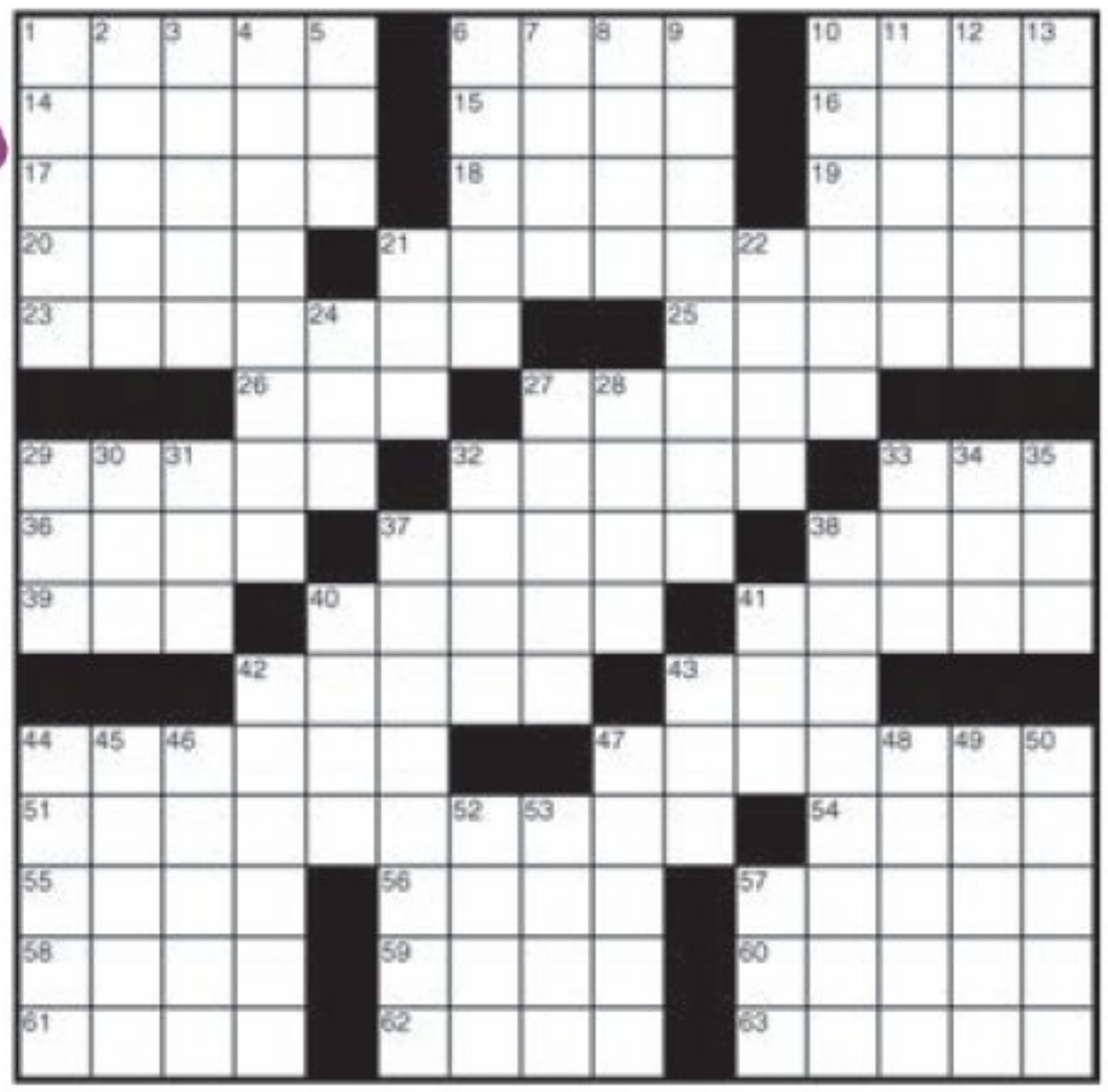

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Phillies trade former MVP Rollins to LA

MLB. The Phillies sent shortstop Jimmy Rollins to the Dodgers on Wednesday, ending a 15-year career in red pinstripes.

It was only a matter of time before the Phillies blew things up.

And the first shot fired by the rebuilding Phillies could be the one that echoes the most among fans, as the greatest shortstop in Phillies history, 2007 NL MVP and keystone of the 2008 World Series-winning squad, Jimmy Rollins, accepted a trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday.

The 36-year-old veteran, a participant in three All-Star games, waived his no-trade clause and will take his $11 million salary in 2015 back home to California.

In his career, Rollins has 453 career stolen bases, fourth most of any active player. He collected the most hits of any Phillie ever and told fans back on Sept. 24, "I'll be here next year."

Well, he will, but in Dodger blue and only from Aug. 4 through Aug. 6.

The Phillies will likely use Freddy Galvis as a stopgap at short as top prospect J.P. Crawford works his way up through the minors.

At the time of publication, the Phillies were expected to receive two young pitching prospects as compensation for Rollins.

It is expected that many more moves will follow this week at the Winter Meetings.

By the numbers

2,306

Career hits for Jimmy Rollins, all as a Phillie, the most of any player in the history of the franchise.

Jimmy Rollins is a borderline Hall of Famer at age 36. / GETTY IMAGES

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Hot stove update

Hamels could go next

With Jon Lester's mega-deal to the Cubs in the books, the rest of the chips should begin to fall at the Winter Meetings, including a possible Cole Hamels trade. The Red Sox surely are interested in acquiring the lefty to replace the departed Lester. The Giants and Dodgers are also expected to be interested.

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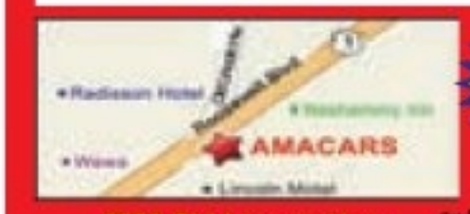

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Injuries threaten to slay Dragons

NCAA . For the third season in a row, Drexel hoops will underachieve due to the injury bug.

Drexel coach James Flint just can't seem to catch a break. / GETTY IMAGES

The injury bug

In the past three seasons, Drexel has lost several key starters to injury for the season, including three this season. Here's a look into their misfortune.

- **2014-15:** Guard Major Canady, Forward Kazembe Abif, Forward Austin Williams
- **2013-14:** Guard Damion Lee
- **2012-13:** Guard Chris Fouch

So far, this isn't the type of season that coach James "Bruiser" Flint and the Drexel Dragons had envisioned. Last week, they fell to their Division II neighbor the University of the Sciences, 54-52, the first Division I program to fall to a Division II school this season.

Drexel now stands at 2-5 and sits second to last in the Colonial Conference.

"Hopefully the guys who are injured can get better going into our conference play," Flint said. "Some of the young, inexperienced players can hopefully develop as the season goes on."

The Dragons have had an injury-rattled 2014-15 campaign. Starters Major Canady (ankle) and Kazembe Abif (knee) were hit with season-ending injuries before the season even started. They've been without big man Austin Williams (foot) the past six games and wing Tavon Allen (knee) missed the team's last game against USP.

Flint hinted that Williams could need surgery, which would sideline him for the extent of the season as well. That has left guard Damion Lee (20.4 ppg) and forward Rodney Williams (9.4 ppg and 7.9 rpg) to pick up the majority of the slack on both ends of the court.

"You have to keep plugging along and guys have to step up and be ready to play," Flint said. "The tough thing this year with the multiple injuries is that it's been tough to practice. We don't even have enough guys to practice a lot of times."

Drexel has four tough games ahead, starting with La Salle (4-4) on Saturday. They'll head to Buffalo (5-2) after that, before playing a very good Penn State team (8-1) and then Iona (4-3) back in Philly.

"They're going to pay a lot of attention to Damion and we'll have to figure out how to counter that," said Flint. "We have to come ready to play, because we weren't ready against USP. Our effort has to be there, because that's how we can give ourselves a chance to win. But if we come to play like we did against USP then we'll get blown out by La Salle."

Quoted

"They're not going to stop the games because we're hurt, we just have to ... continue to make small steps each week." James Flint

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NFL. Eagles have rare second game against Cowboys in 17 days

It's sort of a unique circumstance for the Eagles, who face the rare challenge of playing their division rival, and cohabitant atop the standings, the Cowboys for the second time in 17 days this Sunday (the first of course was the Birds' Thanksgiving melee).

But it's a feat Chip Kelly is confident Philadelphia is up for.

"I think everybody has the same thing," Kelly said. "They have the same amount of time to prepare for us and we have the same amount of time. It was [17 days] since the last time we played them. Just go play. I think you can paralyze yourself by trying to overanalyze it.

Like their first game vs. the Cowboys in Dallas, the Eagles will make LeSean McCoy (who looks to bounce back from a terrible performance against Seattle) a big part of their offensive game plan.

"We'll give the ball to [RB] LeSean McCoy in our game, Kelly said. "It's kind of similar to what happened the last time. It's just about really going out and executing and which team can execute better and which team can block better and which team can tackle better."

EVAN MACY

Flyers' Umberger can't seem to get it all together in Philly

NHL. R.J. Umberger was honored in Columbus on Tuesday, but hasn't done much during his return to Philly.

Umberger has been a liability on the Flyers' league-worst penalty kill unit. / GETTY IMAGES

The Columbus Blue Jackets paid tribute to R.J. Umberger, who was one of the best players in the young franchise's history, in his first visit back to the city after being dealt to the Flyers this past summer early in the first period of Tuesday's game.

During a break in the action, there was a "Welcome Back" graphic shown on the video screen followed by a shot of Umberger sitting on the Flyers' bench.

The fans, who remembered his four straight seasons of 20 goals or more, greeted him positively.

When Umberger returns to his current home on Thursday to face the New Jersey Devils, he won't exactly receive a warm reception from the fans.

The winger, known for his grit and hard-nosed style of play, has disappointed so far with just two goals and two assists in 27 games. Most nights have been like Tuesday, when he had no shots or points in 15 minutes of ice time.

Known as a slow starter and streaky player, Umberger ended a 17-game pointless streak last week in Anaheim and some have questioned how he's avoided becoming one of coach Craig Berube's healthy scratches this season.

To say his second go-around in Philly has not gotten off to a rosy start is an understatement.

By the numbers

-10

Umberger hasn't generated much offense on the ice, going -10 during his 27 games for the Orange and Black.

Although his performance appeared to improve over the recently completed five-game road trip, Umberger is falling well short of expectations. When adding Umberger in exchange for former all-star and fan favorite Scott Hartnell, the Flyers figured they were getting a faster and more disciplined two-way player that would provide payroll relief on the back end of the deal.

More than two months into the season, all the Flyers have gotten is a player who is off to the worst start in his 10-year career and still trying to carve out his role on the roster.

Umberger has played most of the season on the shutdown line alongside Sean Couturier and Matt Read, which doesn't exactly lend itself to high offensive production. Given his history, he still should have more goals and points at this point of the season. His strong defensive game has also landed him as a reliable penalty killer, while also seeing time on the power play.

"For me it was trying to figure out my role on this team and how I could help out," Umberger told reporters before Tuesday's homecoming. "Now I think I've got it."

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